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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: URALSK COURT CONVICTS TWO WOMEN FOR TRAFFICKING
IN MINORS

¶1. (U) Summary: On September 19, the district court in the western
Kazakhstani city of Uralsk convicted and sentenced two women for
trafficking in minors. End summary.

¶2. (U) In December 2006 the oblast-level Department of Interior
received information about two schoolgirls aged 15 and 16 who
disappeared from Volodarovka and Rubezhka villages in the Zelenovsky
region. According to investigators, both girls were from poor
families and were trafficked to Atyrau for sexual exploitation. The
main defendant was a 23-year old unemployed woman who worked in
collusion with her female friend to lure the girls into prostitution
in Atyrau.

¶3. (SBU) Interfax Kazakhstan reported on September 21 that both
women were convicted of kidnapping, illegal deprivation of freedom,
and recruiting into prostitution, and received prison sentences of 7
years each. The Criminal Police Department in the Ministry of
Interior confirmed the substance of the story as reported by
Interfax.

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